

COMPLETE STREETS COMMITTEE

MINUTES MARCH 14, 2016

In attendance: John Hall, Cindi Perugini, Ron Krom, Howard Reid, Monica Belyea, Amy Vallincourt, Kate Wolfe, Deb Stanley, Laura Baum, Karen Mezzaros

Minutes of the January 2016 meeting accepted by Ron and Deb. February meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather.

Action Plan/Calendar of events:

Nothing new to be addressed.

Complete Streets Ordinance:

The ordinance was accepted by the Common Council.

East Coast Greenway:

The Lower River COG Commission is supporting the move to bring the EC Greenway through Meriden, Middletown and Portland. Mayor Drew also supports this effort. The planning and organization is in the very early stages but is a step in the right direction.

A meeting is scheduled in April with interested communities.

Portland will be getting a grant to refurbish the Airline Trail from East Hampton to Portland.

Saybrook Road evaluation:

The Saybrook Road sidewalk study by Cardinal Engineer has not been completed. Tom Nigosanti believes all of Saybrook Road in the area of Stop and Shop to Tryon Street should be reviewed for bike lanes, sidewalks etc.

This is an opportunity for the entire project to be reviewed and completed correctly with all possibilities considered.

Riverfront Festival: May 7, 2016 12pm - 5pm

The Riverfront Encounter Committee no longer requires the assistance of CS members to man the bike parking corral. The City of Middletown will provide \$500.00 for CS to purchase displays, banners, and other paraphernalia. The funds should be available on March 21, 2016.

List of members available to man the CS booth: Ron, Cindi, maybe Deb, David and Howard. Maybe 1.5 hour shifts depending on the number of volunteers.

John will check to determine if CS submitted Exhibitor paperwork.

Complete Streets Display for the Riverfront Festival:

- Update table top display with current pics identifying before, during and after pics as well as future projects
- Possible t-shirts with the CS logo so members could stand out in the crowd
- Paraphernalia with CS logo, bumper stickers, water bottles etc.
- Large print of CS Master Plan
- East Coast Greenway
- Wesleyan Hills multi use trail
- Can an incentive be offered to those who ride bikes to the event. Speak with Jen at Wesleyan. NORA, Yogurt
- **Sub committee for these projects:**

Members of this sub committee have not met to discuss the displays.

Kids Safety Day: May 14, 2016 10am-2pm

CS will sponsor the Family Bike Ride with a route similar to last year.

It is imperative for the success of this ride that we market it as much as possible.

Karen volunteered to prepare a FB site for Complete Streets.

Good opportunity to market the ride at the Riverfront Festival on May 7.

If flyer prepared with CS Bike Ride only, Amy will print for us.

Bike/Walk to School Day:

Monica will contact the Wellness Committee as well as circulate information to the school Principals. Should there be incentives for kids to participate?

Monica will provide statistics from previous years to committee members.

Public Works Meeting April 13, 2016:

Discussion regarding the top priorities to be addressed at the PW meeting. John will prepare changes and forward adjustments to committee members for review.

Pedestrian Traffic Control Counters:

The City Planning Department has purchased automatic pedestrian counters which can be utilized by complete streets members for future counts, thus providing more accurate information and less manpower. They should become available in September.

Monica will let us know where they are going to be installed.

Next meeting April 11, 2016

Newly paved Long Lane Road:

Comments:

Would be great to have some signage identifying this road as a bike route.

Due to the good condition of the road, traffic calming may be necessary to slow traffic

The curbs do not allow for an escape route for cyclists if needed

CS will need to continue to using the work in conjunction with PW on future projects, therefore, it would deb in everyones best interests to utilize completed projects as learning tools for the future.

New Business:

New Program offered by the State of Connecticut DOT is providing road audits to any municipality who applies and identifies specific areas of concern. CS top suggestions: Saybrook Road, Newfield Street and Arrigoni Bridge area.

Next meeting February 8, 2016, Common Council Chambers, 7 PM.